

10/590225

AP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 AUG 2006

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 581425341 US, on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to: MS PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: August 21, 2006

Signature: _____

(Megha Aggarwal)

Docket No.: 559502005500

(PATENT)

Client Ref.: PUSS0161A7

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Kengo MAEDA et al.

International Application No.: PCT/JP2005/001896

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

U. S. Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

International Filing Date: February 9, 2005

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: DLL CIRCUIT

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.